

REMARKS

Claims 1-45 are pending in the application. Claims 1-33, 36-40, and 42-45 are canceled herein. Claims 34, 35, and 41 are amended herein.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in the present application. Accordingly, in this Amendment, Applicant has adopted the Examiner's suggestions by rewriting claims directed to allowable subject matter.

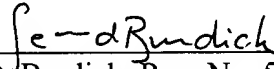
Specifically, Applicant cancels all rejected claims except for claims 34, 35, and 41. Claims 34 and 35 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of original base claim 1, and of intervening original claims 13, 24, 27, and 28. Claim 41 has been rewritten in independent form including the limitations of original base claim 40. Claims 34, 35, and 41, as amended, are now each directed to allowable subject matter.

In view of the above, Applicant believes that this application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is therefore requested to allow the amended claims and pass this application to issuance.

Applicant believes no other fees are due in connection with this response. If any additional fees are in fact due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Howrey Deposit Account No. **08-3038** for the same referencing Howrey Dkt. No. **04813.0016.NPUS00**.

Respectfully submitted,

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